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SUBJECT: ECLA THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AMBASSADOR ATTEND ECLA THIRTIETH
ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY MORNING OF JUNE 7 TO PRESENT
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY VANCE ON BEHALF
OF PRESIDENT CARTER. TEXT OF MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: MR. SECRETARY:

ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO
CONGRATULATE YOU, AND THROUGH YOU THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA. ECLA ENJOYS A
VERY SPECIAL STATUS IN THE WORLD TODAY. IT HAS BEEN AND
REMAINS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE STILL EVOLVING
VISION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. FROM THE
DAYS WHEN DR. RAUL PREBISCH SERVED AS ITS EXECUTIVE
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SECRETARY, ECLA HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN
DEFINING AND PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. LARGELY AS A RESULT OF ECLA'S PIONEERING
RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD'S TRADE, FINANCE, AND
AID STRUCTURES, THE UN CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND
DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD) CAME INTO BEING.

WE WISH TO APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS TO ORIENT ECLA'S PRIORITIES TOWARD THE GOAL WE ALL SHARE -- DEVELOPMENT WITH EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. YOUR PLANS TO REORGANIZE THE ECLA SECRETARIAT MERIT THE SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBER NATIONS. WE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISH TO SUPPORT AND COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH YOUR EFFORTS TOWARDS ALLEVIATING CRITICAL POVERTY AND FOSTERING FRUITFUL DEBATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH CAN BRING THE GREATEST LASTING BENEFIT TO THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

A NEW UNITY AND A NEW HOPE CAME OUT OF THE SEVENTEENTH PLENARY SESSION OF ECLA IN GUATEMALA. WE STAND READY TO BUILD ON THE CONSENSUS THAT CHARACTERIZED THE GUATEMALA BIENNIAL AND WORK TOGETHER IN FURTHERANCE OF THE GOAL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE.

ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT DAY. END QUOTE.

2. SIGNED COPY OF MESSAGE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY

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